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September 4, 2014

Governor Jerry Brown  
ATTN: Brian Putler, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
Governor's Office, Legislative Unit  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1656 (DICKINSON) – BOE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING CONSOLIDATION • REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE •**

Dear Governor Brown:

I am pleased to support AB 1656, as amended, to start with the three buildings with the most significant and immediate renovation or replacement needs, including highest cost of total maintenance and repair to usable space, and other related costs identified in the long-range planning study.

Located in my district, the headquarters building at 450 N Street was built in 1992 and was designed to house 2,200 employees, while BOE requires space for 3,150 employees in order to carry out the legislative mandates for revenue administration, collection, and enforcement efforts. To address these overcrowding concerns, approximately 700 employees and more than one million taxpayer records have been relocated to four annex facilities, disjoining staff, disrupting business functions, and increasing operation costs.

Additionally, since moving into the building in 1993, the State has spent approximately \$59 million on remediation and modernization costs—an unusually high amount for a building of this age. Unfortunately, the State could be forced to spend in excess of \$40 million over the next few years to address outstanding projects including the replacement of 2,070 spandrel glass panels (\$7M), the replacement of waste water pipes (\$10M), and the cleaning of mold from HVAC ducts.

Given the current problems, I am confident the BOE headquarters building will be one of the three buildings with the most significant and immediate renovation or replacement needs and that AB 1656 will allow the BOE to move forward in its quest to protect the health and safety of its employees and the public, eliminate inefficiencies of managing operations across multiple annex locations, and accommodate long-term growth. For these reasons, I support the bill as passed by the Legislature and respectfully request your signature on AB 1656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Runner", written over a horizontal line.

GEORGE RUNNER  
Second District